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NORTHFIELD

Joe O. Claire and family have moved into Mrs. Delva's house.

The Keene Chorus club at Seminary gymnasium tonight. Don't miss it.

The S. of V. will give another dance in Town Hall next Tuesday evening.

The Fortnightly will meet on Monday afternoon. Topic, Catherine de Medici.

Henry Desotell has left the employ of Fred L. Proctor and has gone to Millers Falls.

Herbert S. Kellogg has been in town for a couple of days looking after his house.

Mrs. Mary P. Wells Smith addressed the ladies of the Alliance at Mrs. Stearns' yesterday.

Mrs. Will Slate left on Monday to spend two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Dr. McCalline, in New York.

Mr. George Elmer of Providence was here Tuesday to attend the funeral of his brother, A. D. Elmer.

About forty persons went from Northfield to Warwick last Friday night to attend the drama and dance.

Mrs. Fanny P. Rowe of Ithaca, N. Y., who has been the guest of Mrs. Nellie Alexander, has returned home.

Miss Bessie Irish went to Brattleboro Tuesday on account of sickness in the family of her brother, Wesley Irish.

Northfield Grange has just received a carload of coal and a carload of grain to distribute among its members.

Harold Cox of Lynnfield, Mass., a student at Amherst, M. A. C., spent Sunday with his uncle, William Leavis.

The regular meeting of the W. R. C. will be held this afternoon at the home of Miss Mary T. Dutton at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Randall, librarian, was on the sick list last week, but is at her post again. Miss Iola Holton substituted during her absence.

Miss Lizzie Purple has sold her farm near Schell Bridge to F. W. Kellogg. He plans to thoroughly repair the building and occupy it as soon as completed.

The Improved Order of Red Men went to Millers Falls last night to witness the working of the warriors' degree. Two Northfield candidates took this degree.

Mr. J. D. Woodlock of the American Type Foundry Co., Boston, was here from Tuesday till Thursday, installing the new newspaper press in the Press office.

Miss Batchelder has resigned her position as teacher at the centre school on account of nervous breakdown. Mrs. Gilbert of the Farms is substituting for the present.

Valentines and post cards on sale at the Press store. A large variety to choose from, inexpensive in price. Some are sentimental, others comical. Come and see their eyes move.

Fred H. Doolittle lost his valuable family horse, Flora, on Monday. She was hitched double and was drawing a light load of wood on the main road when in going up a slight incline.

J. E. Warren, formerly superintendent of the Northfield public schools, was here on Wednesday. Mr. Warren is now agent for the State Board of Education. His home is in Worcester.

The body of John Rice of Fitchburg was brought here last Saturday for burial. Mr. Rice married Stella, daughter of Horace Holton. A commitment service was held at the grave.

Miss Elizabeth Purple has sold her farm and homestead across the river to F. W. Kellogg, retaining a life interest in the south part of the house. Mr. Kellogg expects to make it his home after making alterations.

Charles W. Mattoon is the first of our neighbors to report signs of spring. The recent warm weather brought out a daisy in his garden. For ourselves, the chief signs of spring are the flies that have waked out of their winter sleep.

The many friends that Miss Bachel-

der has made during her stay in Northfield regret that overwork has compelled her to resign her position as teacher in the public schools. She has returned to her home in Vermont.

The probabilities are that the Parland-Newhall Co., the famous bell ringers, will be an additional feature of the Keene Chorus Club's concert in Seminary gymnasium tonight. They will also be present at the reception to be given to the members of the Keene Chorus club in Marquand hall at the close of the concert. Come early.

You will be unfortunate indeed if by any circumstance you are prevented from attending the concert to be given in the Seminary gymnasium tonight by 70 men from the Keene Chorus club, assisted by Miss Gardner, soprano, and Mr. Nye, basso. This will undoubtedly be "high water mark" in the musical history of Northfield and the entertainment committee of the boys' brigade are to be congratulated over their success in getting such a combination here.

The program for the year's meetings of the Grange is now out and is interesting from start to finish. We note that at the next meeting on Feb. 8 the welfare of the town will be discussed and there will be a pound sale. Each member is to bring a pound of something (anything from toy balloons to diamonds) and these will be sold at auction. The Northfield Grange is a prosperous organization and is doing a good deal in the way of adding to the sociability and knowledge of our community.

Northfield has lost a well known citizen by the death of Mr. Amos D. Elmer last Friday night. Mr. Elmer was 79 years of age. He was widely known as the manufacturer of Elmer's Pain Killing Balm. The failing strength of old age had been noticed in him for perhaps six months and his vitality was not sufficient to combat a brief illness that overtook



AMOS D. ELMER.

him a few days before his death. He was born in Northfield Aug. 10, 1830. His boyhood was passed in Montague and at the age of 13 he began life as a farm laborer and later found employment in the lumber mills and broom factories of Amherst and Northfield. In 1856 he was married to Marietta Coburn who, with their only child, Alton D., survives him. It was in 1865 that Mr. Elmer began the manufacture of his Balm and he continued it up to his death, though the details of the business of late naturally fell upon his son, who will look after it from now on.

Rev. N. Fay Smith conducted the funeral services on Tuesday afternoon at Mr. Elmer's late residence on Main street.

FOUNDER'S DAY.

The students of Northfield seminary and Mount Hermon school are to celebrate founder's day on Saturday, February 5, with a meeting in Sage memorial chapel. Addresses will be made by Fleming H. Revell of Chicago, a brother of Mrs. D. L. Moody, and Richard Morse, general secretary of the International Young Men's Christian association committee of New York, and a great friend of Mr. Moody's. The two schools will join in singing under the leadership of Prof. Spessard of Mount Hermon. The public is invited.

GENTLEMEN'S NIGHT.

By reason of one of those slips that are bound to occur in every newspaper office we failed last week to print an account of a most enjoyable social affair, viz., the annual reception given by the Fortnightly and known as Gentlemen's night. It was the largest gathering of this nature the club has ever held, each member being allowed to invite one guest. Library hall, which is always beautiful, never looked so attractive as in its decorations of hemlock boughs, choice paintings and pink carnations. The decorating was in charge of Mrs. A. G. Moody, Miss Woolacott, Miss Whiting and Miss Ball. An excellent program was presented. Miss Ruth Wilkinson of the seminary rendered a piano solo, and Miss Ruth Whitcomb, also of the seminary, gave several violin solos. Mrs. W. R. Moody, who is always a favorite, sang, also Miss Ethel Higgins, who received an encore. Benjamin Field sang several selections, which were well received. Miss Reckhon, supervisor of singing in Warwick and Leyden, and a soloist in one of the churches in Northampton, sang several songs which were very much enjoyed. Mrs. Ambert Moody read a humorous selection, which put all in a good humor. Dainty and delicious refreshments were served under the management of Mrs. Fred Britton, assisted by Mrs. Bertha Lazelle, Miss Emma Alexander and Miss Daisy Dickenson.

W. H. Holton has rented the cottage on the Pentacost place recently occupied by D. F. Sutherland, who has moved into the farm house.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

On and after February 15th no money will be taken by carriers from rural delivery boxes unless it is enclosed in an envelope or carefully wrapped in paper. By order of the Postmaster General.

HAVING FUN AT THE TABLE.

Stimulating the Appetite by Cheerfulness and Freedom from Worry.

It is astonishing to one who has not studied the subject thoughtfully to learn how completely under the control of the nervous systems, or rather of the emotions, the entire digestive apparatus is.

It is a matter of everyday experience that the appetite is under the subjection of the feelings, although not of the will. The impulse to celebrate any good news by a dinner is founded upon the fact that when one is pleased and elated hunger is excited. In early times this hunger was gratified on the moment, just as the accompanying thirst too often is now, but the modern man usually defers his eating to a suitable occasion.

The loss of appetite caused by bad news or misfortune of any kind is too well known to need more than mention. Worry or physical fatigue will often act in the same way. The same causes that destroy the appetite will arrest or greatly retard the process of digestion. It is a matter of common experience that any disagreeable occurrence during or just after a meal will stop digestion and may bring on a bilious attack with headache, nausea and a coated tongue. Concentration of the mind or anxiety will act in the same way.

On the other hand, as the appetite is stimulated by good news and mental elation, so digestion is favored by whatever promotes gaiety and high spirits.

"Laugh and grow fat," like so many popular sayings, is an expression which contains much truth. Dyspepsia is a malady that will seldom be found in the family where the dinner gives occasion for cheerful talk and mirth and where all worry and "disgruntlement," and especially quarrelling, are under a ban.

Every member of the family should make it an absolute rule to put worry and all thoughts of business or study aside for the moment and to come to the table prepared to be light hearted and gay. This is not only a moral duty, but rests upon the very physical reason that his appetite will be better and his food will taste better and will be better digested.

In this connection it goes without saying that bills and disagreeable letters should never be the accompaniment of the morning meal, because a day started with chagrin is a very hard day to straighten out.—Youth's Companion.

SOLE SURVIVOR

Lives of 79 Miners Snuffed Out by Explosion.

Bodies of 47 Victims Taken From the Mine and Laid in a Temporary Morgue—Large Force of Men Still Engaged in Restoring Ventilation To the Mine—Cause of the Disaster Unknown—Relief Measures Started By Mine Officials.

Primero, Colo.—The lives of 79 miners were snuffed out Tuesday by an explosion in the main stope of the Colorado fuel and iron company's mine, and the bodies of 17 victims lie in the temporary morgue installed in the machine shop.

A large force of men still is engaged in restoring ventilation throughout the mine and hundreds of people are lingering about the mouth of the shaft waiting the recovery of more bodies. Some of the officials of the company have turned their attention to relief work. The cause of the disaster is still unknown, and definite information in this respect is not expected until the mine is completely cleared.

Leonardo Virgen, a Mexican, and the only surviving miner who is supposed to have been working a short distance from where the explosion originated, is unable to make a clear statement.

Immediately following the report of the explosion a column of dust and smoke poured out the main entrance. Large pieces of timber were thrown from the entrance more than 100 feet and with such terrific force that a string of cars in the mine mouth was blown from the track.

The huge ventilating fans within an hour were put in operation and rescue parties were forcing their way into the gas filled workings.

A huge cave-in at the mouth of the main stope blocked entrance at that point, but the rescuers followed the main ventilating shaft for several hundred yards, gaining entrance to the main stope through a cross cut.

It was not until the relief party reached entry A 7 on the main stope that they found the first evidences of the destruction wrought by the explosion. Here probably a dozen bodies were encountered, but the rescuers pushed on in the hope of finding signs of life.

A little farther they came across Leonardo Virgen. As if waking from a deep sleep Virgen opened his eyes and said:

"Please may I go home now?"

He was hurried to the temporary hospital. Later he had sufficiently recovered to join the ranks of watchers around the mine entrance.

Encouraged by the finding of Virgen, rescuers worked with renewed energy, hoping to find others alive within the recesses of the mine, but failing in this up to the evening, those still missing were given up as lost.

Orders were issued through officials of the Colorado supply company, a subsidiary of the Colorado fuel and iron company, to issue provisions to families of the victims until a permanent system of relief could be obtained.

The disaster is believed to have been caused by an explosion of fire damp, ignited either through the crimping of a cap for a fuse or the lighting of a match surreptitiously carried into the workings.

Officials refuse to give out any statement regarding the probable cause.

At 9 o'clock the situation was unchanged. Relief work was being pushed by frequent changes of shifts, the rescuing party having reached entry No. 12A, about seven-eighths of a mile from the mouth.

Warships Going Faster.

Washington.—A remarkable exhibition of naval efficiency is disclosed in the report from Admiral Schroeder of the speed trials of the vessels of the Atlantic fleet up to Jan. 23 last. A naval vessel in the past rarely has equaled her contract speed after her acceptance trial, which is always conducted under the most favorable conditions with specially trained crews; but according to Admiral Schroeder's report no less than seven of the battleships in their recent trials exceeded their contract speed, although some of them had been commissioned for several years. These ships were the Connecticut, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Kansas, Georgia, Nebraska and Mississippi.

Food League Incorporated.

Washington, D. C.—"For mutual benefit and protection" the National anti-trust food league has been incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia, with J. Lynn Yeagle, Emil L. Scharf and Representative Coudrey of Missouri, all members of the board of directors of the league, as incorporators.

Funeral of Gypsy King.

Evansville, Ind.—Gypsies have assembled here from all parts of the United States to attend the funeral of their late "King" Richard Harrison, who died on Jan. 5, at Rulensville, Miss.

Success Due To American Aid.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Michael J. Ryan, national president of the United Irish League, has received a cablegram from John E. Redmond, chairman of the Irish parliamentary party, in which the latter dwells upon the recent English elections.

Redmond says that the success of the Irish party was due to the magnificent help from the United Irish League of America.

The cablegram follows:

"Dublin, Feb. 1.—The election now over, and thanks to magnificent help from the United Irish League of America, we have been able to meet and repel victoriously a combined attack of unionist and factional."

"Not one nationalist seat was lost to unionist attack, and when nationalist seats were contested by unionists the seats were contested by unionists the nationalist majorities were in every case largely increased."

"An unnatural combination between factionists and unionists has caused temporary loss of a few seats, but the nationalist party, notwithstanding, came back 72 strong, and more united and therefore stronger than for years."

"Features of the election are, first, the enormous power exercised by the Irish vote in Great Britain. The Irish voted more solidly and wielded more influence than at any previous election."

"Second, the immense impression made on public opinion by the demonstration of American cheer, support and sympathy for the Irish party."

"Third, for the first time this election shows clear the British majority for home rule against lords' veto of 60 votes, not counting representation from Ireland."

"Great results, due in very large measure to the prompt and most generous response of the United Irish League of America to the appeal I made last December. Redmond."

To Help Unemployed.

London.—The inauguration of the new system of national labor exchanges, created by the Liberal government as a preliminary step in dealing with the unemployed problem, took place Feb. 1, when exchanges were opened throughout the country without formal ceremony.

Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the Board of Trade, who is responsible for the bill providing for the exchanges, will make a tour of those established in London.

One hundred exchanges will be started in February, and 160 more during the next six months. Their object is neither charity nor relief, but only to serve to bring men desiring work into touch with employers wanting labor.

Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, to be secretary for the home department, in place of H. J. Gladstone, who has been appointed Governor of United South Africa; Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the board of trade, to be secretary for Ireland; John Burns, to be president of the Board of Trade; Herbert L. Samuel, parliamentary secretary of the home office, to be president of the local government board, and Charles Edward Hobhouse, financial secretary of the treasury, to be promoted to Cabinet rank.

It is reported that Michael Davitt, son of the late Irish leader, will be a candidate for whichever of the two seats in Cork, to which William O'Brien was elected, the latter decides to resign.

To Check Tide of Crime.

New York.—The tide of unpunished crime which has swept New York during the last month will be checked, if determined measures by the police department will accomplish that end.

Two hundred detectives, after listening to a long discourse from Inspector McCafferty on the extraordinary situation created by eight murders within a month and little progress made in running down the criminals, started on a campaign to end the feeling of comparative security with which certain sections of the criminal classes seem to have become imbued.

The climax was reached with the murder of Moses Gootman, a manufacturer, and the serious wounding of Gootman's son, Isaac, at their apartments on East 109th street. While robbery was at first believed to have been the motive for this crime the detectives were looking into the case in the belief that Gootman knew the man who shot him.

The man conducted a shirtwaist manufacturing establishment, which recently has been involved in the prevailing labor troubles in the industry. Gootman's family now believes he anticipated an attack, for he had recently changed his sleeping place and given other indications of fear of impending danger.

Korean Officials Shot.

Peking.—Further details of the revolt against the Japanese at South Phangan, Korea, have been received. All of the government buildings were burned by the rebels, and the Japanese and Korean officials shot to death. Government troops shot and killed ten of the rioters before they were subdued. Two hundred arrests were made.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF THE ENTIRE WEEK

THURSDAY, January 27, 1910.

Because Wade Ellis has been sent to Chicago to assist in "beef trust" inquiry Judge Landis may appoint special prosecutor.

Boston consumers' committee recommends two weeks' meat boycott.

Paris buildings begin to crumble under rush of waters; city in terror of epidemics; loss already \$200,000,000.

Butte district copper merger announced; Anaconda with stock increase to \$150,000,000 to take in other mines; Amalgamated behind the combine.

President Paige of Southbridge, Mass., savings bank says bank's books show missing treasurer is a defaulter.

Framingham, Mass., voters in special town meeting hear expert's report that ex-Treasurer Lombard issued forged notes for \$1,185,000; inquiry committee criticizes conduct of town's business, and on its recommendation some offices are abolished.

Coalition now has 345 members in the next house of commons, a majority, but life of the incoming government will probably be short.

James Hall on his arrival in Rochester, N. Y., repudiates his confession to killing Anna Schumacher.

Prof. Edward V. Reynolds of Yale dies of pneumonia in New York.

New dairy bureau appointed by governor of Massachusetts.

White House conference seems to promise tariff peace with Germany.

Bullinger-Pinchot investigation opens with outline of charges against the secretary by L. D. Glavis and his counsel, Louis D. Brandeis of Boston.

Fowler of New Jersey, a Republican insurgent, introduces resolution to drop Speaker Cannon from committee on rules.

FRIDAY, January 28, 1910.

Clarence H. Dadmun, tax collector of Wellesley, Mass., confesses to embezzling \$7200.

Floods continue to spread in Paris; aid tendered from America.

Rear Admiral N. Mayo Dyer, retired, dies suddenly at Melrose, Mass.

Meat prices cut in Boston; effect of boycott felt in other cities.

Postal savings bank bill introduced in senate.

Boy held for break in Wedgemere Mass., railroad station ticket office.

Newsboy's discovery of jewel case in Boston, precipitates a near-riot among his fellows, who see diamonds that are not there.

Monroe, Ia., boy of 16 and girl of 14 commit suicide because they were not allowed to marry.

Annual dinner of Massachusetts fish and game protective association.

Condition of fire escapes on Boston schoolhouses condemned by Thomas Leavitt of the schoolhouse board.

Tex Rickard signs contract to forfeit \$101,000 if authorities prevent Jeffries-Johnson fight in Salt Lake City.

Karl Jörn of the Metropolitan opera company admits he has agreed his wife shall marry another man.

James Hall's confession to murder of Anna Schumacher proves false.

Two South Boston men arrested charged with assault on Storrow worker on election day.

John A. Hall, deposed Southbridge, Mass., savings bank treasurer, held in \$50,000 bonds on charge of larceny of \$21,000 bank funds. Rumor defalcation of \$650,000 will be shown.

Death of Gottlieb F. Burkhardt, well known Roxbury brewer.

New York subway men get increase of pay ranging from 5 to 25 cents a day.

SATURDAY, January 29, 1910.

Paris flood believed to have reached its high early today, America prepares to aid refugees.

Senator Lodge, in speech defending tariff, says he would like to find some way of getting at the "beef trust"; prices of meat go lower in New York.

Schooner George A. McFadden of Bath wrecked on Diamond shoals; the crew saved.

Gen. William F. Draper of Hopdale, Mass., passes away in Washington after lingering illness.

In an attempt at escape of three prisoners at the Portsmouth, N. H., navy yard, one was shot and killed by the guards and the others badly wounded.

Graves and Hormel elected president and secretary of the Boston republican city committee.

Jacob H. Schiff declares business is now on sounder basis.

United mine workers wrangle over president's report at Indianapolis.

Republican leaders in congress realize that circumstances require an unusually vigorous campaign this fall.

Southbridge savings bank trustees persist in statement Treas. Hall's shortage won't exceed \$150,000.

Both sides now claiming victory on tariff question in the British elections.

MONDAY, January 31, 1910.

Woman badly injured, two lodgers over come by smoke and 25 others get lively scare at Boston fire.

Soldiers shoot thieves who loot property in flood district; relief measures taken at Paris.

Miss Mary McLean struck and killed by car on South Huntington avenue, Boston.

Investigation by congress of Swift's business methods to be asked, based on the Boston circular.

Expectation that mine owners will refuse to increase wages and that great industrial battle will follow.

The Massachusetts state council of lathers asks for special organizer for New England.

Attorneys for Glavis let it be understood that Pinchoi will testify at investigation.

Sec. Meyer's plan for naval cabinet demonstrating its real value.

Talk of a compromise already heard in London because of the closeness of the election results.

New York auction sale this week the center of attraction for horsemen.

Boston finance commission in report to legislature explains its recommendations for legislation.

Rev. Harry K. Kimball of South Weymouth, Mass., to become field secretary of savings insurance league.

Gompers prevents general strike of mechanics in New York city.

Town of Southbridge, Mass., and bank at odds over \$21,000 notes.

Massachusetts will be the first of the northern states to vote on the income tax amendment.

Farm hand gored to death by mad bull after desperate fight at Wenham, Mass., farm.

TUESDAY, February 1, 1910.

Testimony for the prosecution at the Auld court-martial presented yesterday at the Charlestown navy yard and one witness for the defence heard.

Ex-Town Treasurer Lombard of Framingham, Mass., at trial of Charles S. Cummings, confesses forgery of selectmen's names on notes.

Ways and means committee of national house to investigate high prices.

Patrons of closed bank at Southbridge, Mass., find hope in advice of President Paige to hold deposit books.

Four well-known Worcester men arrested following investigation of stories of 12 young girls.

Hearing at the Massachusetts state house on the federal income tax amendment.

More than 100 men believed to have been killed in mine at Primero, Colo.

John L. Sullivan says Jeffries-Johnson fight will not be on level; James J. Corbett equally sure it will be.

Cross-examination of Glavis in Bullinger hearing proceeds feebly and blindly because of apparent lack of Bullinger interest in it.

Protest of Boston marine interests against removal of the fog whistle at Nobeska point.

Danger over, Paris prepares to restore city and prevent a repetition.

President Taft arrayed in a gray sweater makes a speech at the Washington press club.

Opposition to postal savings bank bill in senate voiced by Heyburn, Gallinger and Cummins.

Big Coats mills at Pawtucket will open today with strike ended, it is claimed.

Body found on the shore of Plum Island, Conn., identified as that of William Murphy of Somerville, Mass.

WEDNESDAY, February 2, 1910.

Hattie Le Blanc pleads not guilty to indictment charging her with murder of Charles F. Glover, at Waltham, Mass.

C. S. Cummings, testifying in his own behalf, denies he knew Framingham, Mass., notes were forged.

Mondell of Wyoming attacks forest service in house, charging it with scandalous extravagance. Carter hurrying senate to vote on postal savings bank bill.

Aldrich resumes command in the senate, and there's a quick falling into line for the administration program.

Representative Peters introduces supplemental bill for further equipment of armories for coast artillery practice.

Mid-winter meeting of Massachusetts state federation of women's clubs.

Bodies of 47 of 79 victims of mine explosion at Primero, Colo., rescued; one man found in mine alive.

John E. Redmond, reviewing English elections, says success of Irish party was largely due to aid from America.

Dr. Edmund C. Sanford inaugurated president of Clark college.

New York Central's trainmen and conductors not ready with new demands, and conference therefore proves profitless.

STILL ON GUARD.

Troops Patrol Paris and Outlying Districts To Prevent Pillage.

Paris, France.—The height of the water at midnight at Pont Royal was 27 feet 3 inches, a fall of nearly four feet from the highest point, and the flood continues to drop at the rate of about three-quarters of an inch an hour.

Premier Briand has instructed the prefects to make a complete inventory of the flooded areas and to appraise the individual losses, after which parliament will be asked for new credits in connection with the measures of relief.

Soldiers are still guarding many of the public buildings, and strong detachments have been sent to the various outlying districts to stop the wholesale pillage which is going on.

A boat patrol surprised a band of Apaches robbing a villa at Boulogne-Sur-Seine. After an exciting chase, in which a fusillade was exchanged, an infantry sergeant sank, the robbers' boat with a blow of an oar. Two of the Apaches were killed and the others were captured.

One of the most hopeful features of the situation is the action of the government in carrying into effect measures to enable the small proprietors both in Paris and throughout the flooded districts of France to re-establish themselves by means of loans, and to furnish work for the victims.

The city council, following the lead of the national government, is arranging, with the co-operation of the savings institutions, to furnish money for the rebuilding of stores and houses and the refurbishing of supplies.

The government has decided upon a general scheme of employment whereby those who desire work may find it in repairing the roads and the public buildings throughout the devastated territory.

The municipal council has adopted the suggestion of presenting medals to those who have been conspicuous in the rescue work. These medals will bear the appropriate inscription: "Fluctuat Nec Mergitur," the motto of Paris.

Some difficulty is being experienced in restraining the residents of the flooded districts from returning to their homes without waiting for the disinfection of the premises.

The foreign office is now free of water, but is without gas, electricity, telegraph or telephone service. The students residing in the Latin quarter have formed a relief society, and have agreed to care for their few American comrades who suffered in any way in connection with the flood.

Big Tomb Opened.

Cherry, Ill.—Work was resumed in the St. Paul mine by scores of men following the removal late Tuesday of the seal that had kept the mine closed for two months.

Efforts will be made to clear the mine of noxious vapors, wall in any smoldering fire and recover the 160 odd bodies of miners which have lain entombed since the fire on Nov. 13.

The spectators of the cap-raising were mostly young widows, some only 16 years old.

James Webb, mine expert, Thomas Moses and Hector McAllister, state mine inspectors, protected by oxygen helmets, descended 350 feet to the bottom of the pit.

"An unprotected man could not live long enough down there to take off his cap," said Inspector Moses on reaching the surface. The gas as analyzed by Mr. Webb showed deadly components.

There is much to be done before any bodies can be recovered. No one in charge of the work will venture a definite estimate of when the corpses can be removed.

"But when they do bring up bodies," said a Cherry merchant Tuesday, "the militia will be needed to prevent trouble. Those women will be so frenzied that they might destroy the town."

Balloon Flight Over Atlantic.

Paris.—It is understood here that Walter Wellman, who sailed from New York for Europe Saturday, is arranging for a balloon flight across the Atlantic from New York to England or France, in his Arctic albatross.

This, it is expected will be equipped with new propellers and engines.

The shed at Gennevilliers, where the aircraft is housed, is under water.

The attempt has been set for July, which, according to the records of the last twenty years, is the most propitious month for such an undertaking.

Maximum Penalty Imposed.

New York.—The conviction of Paul Fenka, a youth arrested in connection with the white slave investigation, of "unlawfully receiving money by placing a woman in a house of prostitution," is the first one under that section of the penal laws ever obtained in this country and probably in the state. The crime is regarded as a misdemeanor under the law and Fenka got the maximum sentence of one year in the penitentiary and \$500 fine.

Fenka's partner, Philip Magold, was jointly indicted and turned state witness.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

First Parish (Unitarian.)
Main street and Parker avenue.
Services at 10.45 a. m.
Sunday school, 12 m.

Trinitarian Congregational.
Main street, near Mill Brook.
Rev. N. Fay Smith, pastor.
Sundays, 10.45, 12, 6.45 and 7.30 p. m.
Thursdays, 8 p. m.

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CHURCH NEWS.

Items for this column should be sent to the editor before Tuesday noon.

An all-day sewing meeting of the Unitarian ladies was held at Mrs. M. O. Perham's yesterday, beginning at 10 a. m.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society was held at Mrs. Day's on Wednesday afternoon.

The Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian church held a meeting at Mrs. C. C. Stearns' home on Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Palmer of Somerset, Mass., occupied the pulpit at the Unitarian church last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Cheever of Dorchester will be here again next Sunday.

Mrs. L. R. Smith's class of young ladies and Miss Brooks' class of young men were entertained by Rev. and Mrs. N. Fay Smith on Wednesday evening.

The work of the Congregational Church Building society was considered at the prayer meeting of the North church last night. A collection in aid of this work will be taken next Sunday morning.

Next week Thursday the annual business meeting of the Sunday school will be held at the Congregational church at 8 p. m. The election of officers for another year will be held then, and the rest of the time spent in a social way.

AROUND THE HUB

(Special Correspondence.)

New Collector of the Port.

"I hope to make the Boston custom house the best in the country," said ex-Mayor Edwin U. Curtis after he was sworn in as collector of the port of Boston last week.

As the successor of George H. Lyman, who has collected for the government all the duties on foreign importations at this port for the past 12 years. Mr. Curtis took the oath of office at the custom house, where Judge Francis C. Lowell of the United States Circuit Court administered it to him. For the purpose, General Charles K. Darling, clerk of the court, removed the seals of the court from his office in the Federal building, and carried them to the custom house, which was the first time the seals had ever been taken or used outside the precincts of the court.

Less than an hour before Mr. Curtis had relinquished his duties as assistant United States treasurer at Boston and had seen Colonel George H. Doty, former chairman of the Republican State committee, appointed his successor. The oath was administered to Colonel Doty by Judge Frederic C. Dodge in the United States District Court.

Before Collector Curtis, however, is relieved of all responsibility for the treasury funds, more than \$20,000,000 will have to be counted. This work is now underway, directed by D. W. Herriott, cashier of the United States Treasury at Washington.

High Cost of Living.

Because of the present high prices of foodstuffs the managers of the leading hotels of the city are seriously considering raising the prices of meals served in their places.

While none has yet taken that action, it has been intimated that such a course would have to be pursued unless there was a reduction in the prices charged them for edibles very soon.

Although the "no-meat clubs" are being formed with great rapidity throughout the city, according to their organizers, the hotel and restaurant men report that there has been no noticeable decline in the meat orders by their patrons.

The manager of one prominent Newspaper Row establishment stated that they had served more meat or-

ders in one day than they had for a long period. In fact, he said, that they were eaten out of some of the meat orders on the bill of fare, so large had been the demand.

The suggestion of a wholesale meat dealer that the cold storage warehouse is chief among the many causes that increase the cost of living looks sensible. Perhaps it would help some if we had legislation limiting the time in which provisions may be kept in cold storage. Nobody claims, it is believed, that the longer eggs and poultry are kept in the cold storage warehouse the more nutritive and succulent they are.

Prospective Census Workers.

Charles F. Gettemy, director of the Massachusetts bureau of statistics and supervisor of the U. S. census for this district, has a list of about 5000 men and women who wish to join his force which is to count the inhabitants of this state. The gathering of names and statistics is to start on April 15, when throughout the country 660,000 enumerators will be released simultaneously to find out everyone in the union on that day is, where he lives and also other personal and pertinent information.

It is to be a great quiz, and a couple of millions of Americans are looking for a chance to take part in it, at so much per. Mr. Gettemy will require just 1992 enumerators for Massachusetts, and naturally to pick this corps he has to reject several thousand who have applied for positions.

It is a systematic undertaking, however, and the weeding process is designed to leave only the most competent for the final selection of eligibles. First Mr. Gettemy gave application blanks and circulars of instruction to everyone who dropped in at his office in the state state house. Approximately 7000 of those were distributed, and of that number 5000 persons after reading the instructions had sufficient courage and ambition to make formal application.

Chamber of Commerce Flourishing.

The annual meeting of the Boston chamber of commerce, held recently in the trade room of the chamber, showed the organization to be in a flourishing condition, with nearly 3700 members. President Bernard J. Rothwell presided. He made an appeal to make the organization reach the 5000 mark. It is now the largest of its kind in America.

An excellent review of the work of the year was made in the first annual report of the board of directors. The association has grown enormously and it now has a membership of 3645, which is a larger bona fide individual membership than that of any similar organization in the country.

The report says that the constant endeavor has been made to make the membership of the chamber representative. The theory upon which its membership has been built up is that it should not be limited to those engaged in mercantile and manufacturing enterprises, but that the chamber needs the advice and help, as members, of every man who believes in New England, and who is willing to work for her commercial and industrial supremacy.

Dangerous Time for Skaters.

Drowning accidents in this vicinity serve to point out that this is a particularly dangerous time for skaters, owing to the peculiar weather history of the last few days. The cold spell brought good, firm, thick ice, but repeated thaws and continued mild weather have alternately weakened the ice and kept it from forming again. The skating is the more treacherous because the ice is old and has the appearance of firmness.

All deep water, especially flowing water, and more especially still flowing water that runs into other bodies of water as Stony Brook runs into the Charles, are very dangerous just now. The Neponset river, the Charles river basin, Jamaica pond, Spy pond in Arlington, are all deep, and just now dangerous.

It is impossible to keep people from skating on the various ponds and reservations, and there are always boys who try to dare as much as they can.

Navy Yard Notes.

U. S. Cruiser Dixie sailed from the Charlestown navy yard recently for New York, having brought stores from Norfolk and taking away a large quantity of naval property for New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk. Practically all the men on the Wabash available for general service also left on the Dixie, and at New York she will take on about 400 more, all to join the crew of the new battleship South Carolina at Philadelphia.

The six submarines now at the yard will remain all winter. The seventh of the little boats, the Salmon, will not be delivered at the navy yard until spring. Some time in April or May the Dixie will convey them to Charleston, S. C., where the main torpedo boat and submarine flotilla is now being assembled.

Inauguration in Faneuil Hall.

The decision to hold the municipal inaugural exercises this year in Faneuil hall instead of at city hall was the outcome of a conference between Mayor-elect John F. Fitzgerald and the

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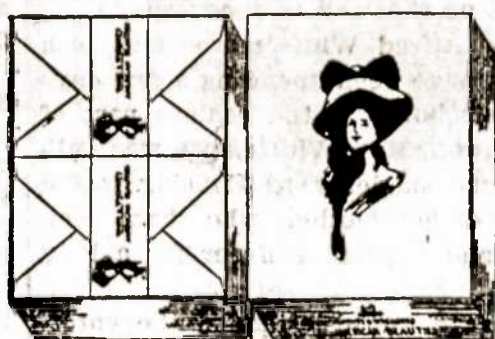
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1910.

OUR BUSY WEEK.

We really haven't time to tell very much this week. We are all upset because of the arrival on Tuesday of our new Whitlock newspaper press which will enable us from now on to print our entire paper here. If our readers and our news columns a little short today they will kindly attribute it to overwork. Next week we shall present the Press in a new dress and we are of the opinion now that it will be a very pleasing one. And by the way, is not this a good time for you to begin sending the Press to the relative or friend at a distance who will certainly appreciate the gift?

IMPORTANT P. O. RULING.

The following letter has been sent out by the P. O. department at Washington:

"In view of the extent to which the practice of placing loose coins in boxes by rural patrons has grown, and the delay in the delivery and collection of mail and the hardship imposed on rural carriers incident thereto, beginning Feb. 15, rural carriers will not be required to collect loose coins from rural mail boxes. Patrons should enclose coins in an envelope, wrap them securely in paper, or deposit them in a coin-holding receptacle, so that they can be easily and quickly taken from boxes, and carriers will be required to lift such coins and where accompanied by mail for dispatch, attach the requisite stamps."

THE FEBRUARY MAGAZINES.

The World's Work has 14 pages of "Reminiscences of an American Painter" by Elihu Vedder, and 22 pages on "A Lost Opportunity for Trade on the Pacific," by Jas. J. Hill, both superbly illustrated. Alexander Irvine of New Haven, Conn., tells of "Life Among the Squatters," one picture showing himself "in his shack at Northfield, Mass."

Pearry's story of "The Discovery of the North Pole" has lifted Hampton's magazine from comparative obscurity to first place in interest. Admiral Evans' article on "Why the Panama Canal may be a Bad Business Venture" is only one of other fine articles.

Everybody's cover designs are always striking. This month the design shows the bloody tracks of corruption ascending the State House and Supreme Court of Colorado, as exposed by Judge Ben Lindsey. These magazines are on sale at the Press store, Proctor block, as well as the Strand, McClure's, Scribner's and the other popular monthlies. Ladies will be interested in the Woman's Home Companion, the Delinquent, etc. St. Nicholas for young folks; Leslie's and Collier's among the weeklies; and Puck and Judge among the comics are also on hand. Any magazine procured on demand and subscriptions taken at current rates.

If any one ever really believed the frequently repeated accusation that this country has "one law for the poor and another for the rich," the experience of rich men in the last few years must have dispelled the illusion, maintains the Philadelphia Ledger. While not all of the large thieves have been detected and punished, no more have all of the small thieves; but large thieves as well as small have been sent on the way to jail of late with a ruthless impartiality that recognizes no distinction of class or condition. The sentence of Charles W. Morse to a term of fifteen years' imprisonment, for violation of the national banking laws, was a conspicuous illustration of the futility of wealth and influence as a defense against the decrees of public justice.

WARWICK.

Mr. Leslie Brewer is spending a few days at Mr. Frank Whitman's. Miss Elsie Williams has been home a few days from Smith College.

Margaret Graham is visiting friends in West Acton and South Weymouth. Mrs. Ethel Anderson has been the guest of Mrs. Charles Williams the past week.

Rev. John Graham attended the County No-license meeting at Greenfield Monday.

Miss Grace Ward of North Orange, Mass. has been spending a few days with Miss Bernice Williams.

The remains of Mrs. Ellen M. Prentice of Greenfield, were interred in the cemetery here Saturday. A brief service was held at the grave, by Rev. John Graham.

Mrs. Atwood has returned to her home in Warwick from Northfield, where she has been staying with her sister, Mrs. Stratton, until her recent death. Another sister, Mrs. George Manning, has been very seriously ill, but is on the way to recovery.

Mr. Alfred Whittemore and son Afton, have been spending a few days at their home in the eastern part of the town. Mrs. Whittemore was called home suddenly to Enfield, by the death of her mother, who has been sick, and a great sufferer for a long time.

A large crowd attended the entertainment in the Town Hall Friday night. A large delegation from Northfield was present. The drama "Enlisted for the War," was very effectively given by local talent. The proceeds were for the benefit of the Grange.

Some of the leading oculists of New York City say that more than 83 percent of the public school pupils in the upper elementary grades are suffering from defects of sight. They have recommended to the Board of Education that a label on the care of the eyes be pasted in all school and library books, this label to read as follows:

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Let the light come from behind or over your left shoulder.

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Rest your eyes by looking away from the book every few minutes.

Cleanse your eyes night and morning with pure water.

We suggest that our own Board of Education might well consider a similar action. The eyes of the boys and girls of Northfield are as precious as are the eyes of the little New Yorkers and indifference or lack of knowledge will do as much damage here as anywhere else.

Mexican Houses of Gold Mud.

For hundreds of years the barefooted and empty-stomached poor of Guanajuato, Mexico, have been living in houses of gold. They were not Fifth avenue mansions copied from Florence and Siena, but just plain windowless huts made out of adobe or the mud of the Guanajuato gold district. A hundred of these huts had to be torn down to permit the construction of a railroad and some man got the idea of analyzing the debris. The houses have now yielded \$50,000 in gold to the possessors, and many a poor Guanajuatan who last year did not know where his next cigarette was coming from now revels in the prospect of sombreros and pulque and hot tamales for life. New houses are being put up, but they are not mansions of gold. The latest building material in Guanajuato is plain, unsterilized common or garden mud. —Success Magazine.

A Monument to Knox.

The World called the Standard Oil decision a Taft victory in the same sense that it called the Northern Securities decision a Roosevelt victory. If the credit is to be apportioned to individuals, however, the Northern Securities decision is a monument to Philander C. Knox and the Standard Oil decision to Frank B. Kellogg. —New York World.

Catholics in Germany.

There are now 23,000,000 Catholics in the German Empire. In the same territory in 1800 there were only about 6,000,000. —Rosary Magazine.

BIRD PARADISE IN THE PACIFIC.

Laysan Island Nesting Place of Albatross, Frigates and Petrels.

To the northwest of the Hawaiian Islands, about an equal distance from the shores of Asia and America, there is a small group of islands and cliffs upon which hundreds of thousands of birds live. Every year they lay their eggs and raise their young. Among small strips of land and rock there is what might be called a veritable bird paradise. This is the island of Laysan.

Laysan measures about five and a half miles by four miles, and possesses no vegetation save a few thickets and occasional seaweed, and now and then a sickly little palm tree. Upon the banks are to be found large quantities of driftwood brought from the shores of America by the currents.

But the number of birds that come here at the season of nesting exceeds the wildest imagination. There are places on the island where it would be impossible to put the foot without crushing a bird, a nest or an egg. Apparently, to the eye, there are hundreds of thousands of birds. There are albatross, white and brown, petrels and frigates in innumerable colonies but distinct.

The albatross of Laysan are of two kinds, the white and the brown. The latter live chiefly in the southern part of the island. They are, moreover, fewer in number, than their white cousins. The two kinds unite in colonies, which are always distinctly separate, however. Their nests are almost identical, simple little mounds of earth with a hole in the middle. The female here lays a solitary egg. The parents provide for the nourishment of the young until the latter is able to go to the sea and hunt for himself.

The albatross are good neighbors themselves, but they show a decided repugnance to living in the vicinity of the frigates. These big birds, so remarkable for their swiftness in flight, are great gluttons. All those who travel in the South Seas know with what obstinacy they keep up with the speed of the vessel in hope of getting food.

The frigates are also to be found in prodigious numbers at Laysan and about the neighboring islets. The males, with their brilliantly colored plumage, are beautiful birds, and there is nothing more curious than to observe the haughty air which they assume on account of their beauty. The frigate is neither a born swimmer nor diver. This, however, is compensated for by his extraordinary power in flight.

The petrels are very numerous in Laysan. They show a preference for the crevices of the rocks during the day. They are in fact birds of night habits and avoid the bright lights. But when the tempest breaks forth and the wind rages they mingle their cries with the noise of the elements. The fish and other marine animals which at such times come to the surface, are chased by the petrels and seized from the chest of the waves. The frigates, who are watching the petrels in the chase, seize this moment for capturing their abandoned young. The citron is among the remarkable kinds of sea gulls. Citrons are noisy, spilling, quarrelsome birds whose principal occupation is keeping up incessant cries to disturb the repose of the other occupants of the island. —Los Angeles Times.

Locomotives Eat Coal.

One-fifth of all the coal mined in the United States in 1906 was burned in railroad locomotives at a cost to the roads of \$170,500,000, according to a report submitted to the Geological Survey.

The figures look large; but their principal significance lies in the argument which their analysis makes for the conservation or natural resources. Prof. W. F. M. Goss, dean of the University of Illinois, who conducted the experiments, reports that of the 90,000,000 tons of coal the railroads used in 1908 "10,080,000 tons are lost through the heat and gases discharged from the stacks of the locomotives, 8,640,000 tons through cinders and sparks, 5,040,000 tons through radiation, leakage of steam and water, 2,880,000 tons through unconsumed fuel in the ashes, and 720,000 tons through the incomplete combustion of the gases. Moreover, 18,000,000 tons are consumed in starting fires, in moving the locomotives to their trains, in backing trains into or out of sidings and in keeping locomotives hot while standing. —Van Norden's.

A Financial Epigram.

"H. H. Rogers," said a New York broker, "always advised young men to get hold of capital. He used to point out to them that without capital a man could do nothing, nothing. He used to pack this truth into a very neat epigram.

"'Fortune,' he used to say, 'can't knock at the door of a man who has no house.' —New York Times.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY

The recent flood will cost the town \$1500 in losses on bridges. A wooden bridge at the foot of Shelburne mountain was carried out, and two bridges in the meadows lost an abutment each.

The railroad commissioners have issued a certificate approving the new section of the tracks of the Connecticut Valley street railway on the highway from Montague City to Turners Falls, and stating that the railway is in safe condition for operation.

Preliminary steps have been taken during the past week to organize a union church at Windom or West Deerfield. In 1787 a Baptist society was organized, but nothing remains in the shape of records there or individuals to tell about it. The present meeting house was built in 1810, and is the oldest house of worship in the town.

The soliciting committee of the new Franklin county public hospital will make an active canvass within the next few weeks for funds to complete the payments on the buildings and provide equipment. The sum of \$10,000 is needed to meet all the bills. It is hoped people of moderate means will make such contributions as they are able. The total cost will be about \$70,000.

About \$1500 worth of damage to bridges was done in Greenfield by the recent flood. The wooden bridge on the Shelburne road at the foot of the hill was practically all taken out. At the bridge near the Sessler place, on the lower Meadow road, one end dropped down into the brook. The bridge near the Town farm also lost an abutment. These bridges will be repaired temporarily and will have to be rebuilt next summer.

Eugene Arms of South Deerfield, while looking along the banks of the river Wednesday at a point where the recent floods had washed out the earth, found 42 Indian arrow heads, all in excellent preservation. He also found some substance resembling bones, but upon touching these they crumbled to pieces. At a prior wash-out, near the same spot, he and others have picked up about 50 arrow points. It is thought that this spot may have been an Indian burial ground.

The Franklin County hospital needs about \$10,000 to complete its new building, and to equip it satisfactorily. There ought to be no difficulty about securing this money at once. A magnificent plant for the relief of suffering is almost done, and only a small proportion of the people of the county have given anything to it. The benefit to the whole county is incalculable. This hospital is one of the finest charities in Western Massachusetts. It secures the best professional treatment to many people who otherwise could not afford to have it, and none of us can know how soon its prompt relief in case of emergency may be the means of saving life in our own case. The towns outside of Greenfield ought not to feel that they can escape the obligation to help this work. Every town in the county is receiving more or less benefit as the years go by, and church and charitable organizations and individuals all ought to be willing to help a work of such generous principles and proportions.—Gazette and Courier.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH NOTES.

The young people have organized a Loyal Workers society with the following officers and committees:—Pres., Ernest W. Dunklee; vice pres., Ernest E. Adams; secretary, Viola M. Brooks; treasurer, Warren B. Dunklee; organist, Laura Martineau; lookout, com., Elsie Burnham; Clarence Buffum; devotional com., Ernest E. Adams, Sadie M. Brooks.

The present epidemic of whooping cough greatly affects the attendance at the church services and Sunday school.

Mrs. Phelps, the pastor's wife, was sick last week but has fully recovered.

The development of the water-powers in California has helped boom the state by bringing in new industries and helping old industries with plenty of cheap electric power available.

After about eighty shots the rifling of the present twelve-inch gun of 2,500 foot-seconds velocity becomes so badly worn as to destroy the accuracy. In the case of the new fourteen-inch gun the erosion is much less and the gun will be serviceable for about three hundred discharges.



Better Looking Than Women.

A French skin specialist declares that women seldom have such good complexions as men, and adds insult to injury by expressing the belief that women might be just as good looking as men if they were so inclined. He means by this if they would only keep their skins as clean as men do.—New York Tribune.

Paying Social Debts.

An out-of-town matron whose many friends and relatives in the city hoot at the idea of a trip to her country place, even if solaced by bridge after luncheon, has evolved a system by which she pays off many of her obligations to their hospitality. It is simple, too, for it means merely the purchase of tickets for musicals, theatre and opera, with luncheon or suppers after the performances. To the musicals she takes three of her music-loving friends at a time, with luncheon after at one of the smart hotels, and for the New Theatre and opera she and her husband ask their married friends or some girl and a man, having supper wherever their fancy leads them. In this she feels that she does her share toward returning the pleasures her friends give her without taxing them with a tiresome trip.—New York Tribune.

Don'ts For the Business Woman.

Don't bring your home troubles to the office and air them there.

Don't criticize those who work with you, or those for whom you work.

Don't be late to your work and then expect consideration because you are a woman.

Don't wear overtrimmed and fussy clothes. Wear plain clothes with appropriate blouses.

Don't try to be mannish either in dress or manner. The mannish business woman is out of fashion, fortunately.

Don't sprinkle yourself with heavy scent. Your particular kind of perfume may be exceedingly obnoxious to those about you.

Don't expect to be treated as if you were in society. You are probably doing the work that was done formerly by a man, and in small ways you are not considered as much as you are at home, remember that you are in business.—McCall's.

Not Boarding.

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"There is no doubt about it, the character of persons boarding has changed mightily within the last ten years," said a bachelor woman. "Formerly one met in boarding houses charming women who had given up housekeeping and gone to boarding as presenting a solution of the domestic problem or else their families having married and moved away they sought relief from domestic cares in a boarding house."

"Now, however, all this is different, and for the most part the women one meets are those who are trying to make a big show on little money."

"It is not difficult to account for this change. Every woman who can afford it lives in an apartment hotel. The hotel offers many advantages over the old style boarding house that it is small wonder it is preferred."

"Many families, too, have moved into the suburbs, where they can get more for their money."—New York Press.

At The Mercy Of the Gardener.

The departing guest who has a box of flowers cut fresh from the greenhouse to take as a reminder of her week-end stay could many a time unfold a tale to her kind hostess as to what that old and trusted retainer, the head gardener, had put in the box. Trusting to his knowledge of what should be cut, and the fact that he knows the flowers are for a gift, the hostess rarely inspects the box, and here is where she makes a mistake. The old and trusted one has ideas of his own, usually based upon the fee the visitor has given after greenhouse inspection, and the box for a poor guest or relation will be scantily filled with what would otherwise be thrown away, as the smaller flowers sap the strength of the plant and prevent a large and sturdy growth of other buds. Once in a while murder will out, and the "riot act" will be read, but nothing can atone, for the mortification of the guest who knows what glories the glass house holds and who finds her box to contain the meanest specimens only.—New York Tribune.

Mother Ernestine.

Mother Ernestine, helper and savior of prisoners in France, has just been awarded by the French Academy of Moral Sciences a prize of 15,000 francs for acts of devotion. Mother Ernestine is eighty years old, and ever since she was twenty she has

given herself to works of reclamation.

When Eugene Agias Moran, as she was once, entered the Order of the Sacred Heart she began her labors in the prison at Rouen. After eight years of this she began to wonder what became of her children after leaving the prison. She rented a room, took two of her ex-prisoners there and launched them in the trade of shirtmaking. Presently a woman of Rouen became interested and helped her. Her charges grew in numbers, and the police authorities decided to allow her the sum of 500 francs. The next step was to put all the young prisoners in Mother Ernestine's charge, and for many years she had a large house at Rouen, with four hundred girls or so in her care and that of the thirty-eight sisters under her. At this place, called L'Atelier Refuge, the girls were taught tailoring, dressmaking, housewifery and gardening. For a long time the state allowed Mother Ernestine a certain sum a head for the maintenance of these girls, but with the troubles between church and government this grant was withdrawn, and the work has been carried on with considerable difficulty.—New York Tribune.

Essentials To Married Happiness.

Not long ago a well-known public man gave utterance to the astounding remark that he judged that at 30, or thereabouts, a woman gave up all idea of marriage.

It was almost tantamount to saying that at 30 a woman must be considered too old to wed, which is far from being the truth.

A generation ago, when 18 was not far from the average marrying age, a woman may have been considered a "spinster" at thirty.

Nowadays, however, the tendency is to marry late rather than early in life, and the sensible woman who at thirty finds herself still unwed by no means despairs of being led to the altar.

As a matter of fact, the majority of men only consider a woman old when she is in her forties, and even then they often find that attractive in her which young women lack.

Gone are the days when a man regarded youth and beauty as essential to the happiness of married life.

He looks for a matured, steady, and practical mind, usually found in the woman of 30 or 35, and forgets her age.

Where women make the greatest mistake, however, is in trying to appear younger than they generally are, thus placing themselves in a false position, and utterly destroying whatever other charms they may possess.

No woman, of course, likes to advertise her age, and she owes it to herself not to add to the same by unsuitable or dowdy dress, for instance.

On the other hand, it is ridiculous for her to endeavor to take five or ten years off her age by dressing in the garb of a young sister, and striving to cover tell-tale wrinkles with powder and rouge.

Men easily see through such artifices, and regard the woman who practices the same with a feeling bordering on contempt.—New Haven Register.

Fashion Notes.

Sterling silver charms of all kinds are now in favor.

Scarfs are being draped even more elaborately than ever.

An old fad revived permits the wearing of gold slippers.

Belts for street costumes are very wide and have large buckles.

Opals are very stylish, especially when set in a necklace or brooch.

Opera hoods are less in evidence than was expected by fashion prophets.

There is a predominance for the fur trimmed velvets for cold weather wear.

Rhinestones and crystal embroidery are being lavishly employed on evening gowns.

The use of dull silver and gold ornaments on dresses and hats is seen everywhere.

Hairpins of twisted shell, which are square across the top, are among the newest shown.

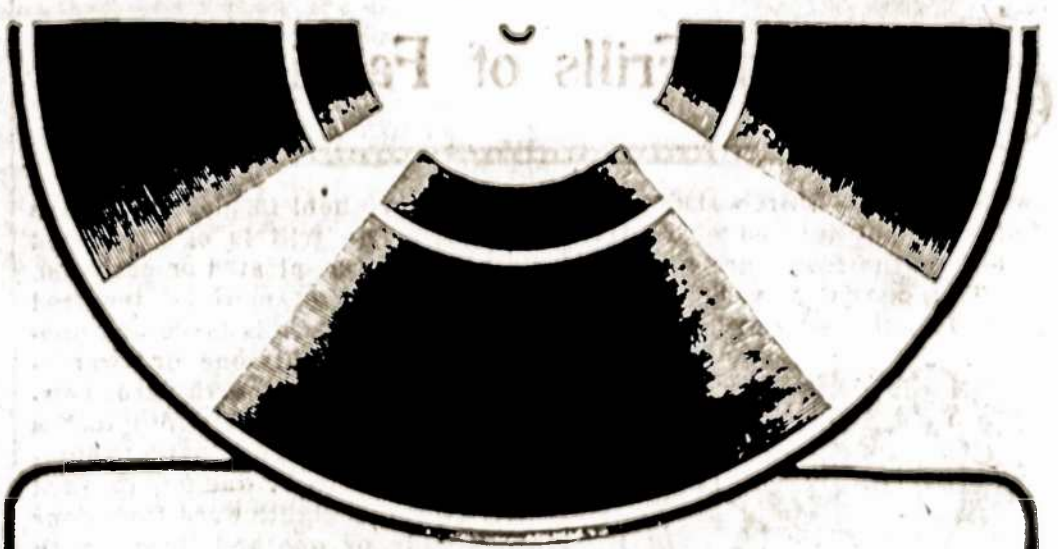
Bands of gold lace are often worn around the head when the evening gown is décolleté.

There is a tendency to shortening jackets to such an extent that a hint of the Elton is noticeable.

The touch of vivid color on the front of the waist is one of the latest points of fashion. Vivid green on gray, bright pink on tan and orange on white are some of the principal contrasts.

The suede glove is the thing of the hour. It is worn for street in its heavy texture and wide stitching, and in the evening in the pale gold tones that are very becoming to the arm and hands.

As becoming an evening scarf as can be had is made of a length of mousseline de sole, bordered all around with marabout of the same tone, and, if an especially stylish affair, finished with marabout tails.



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omitted as liked and can be renewed without renewing the entire waist. The tucks over the shoulders are arranged close to the armhole seams in conformity with the latest style and on exceedingly becoming lines. There are two tucks at each side of the box pleat at the front, and when the frill is used it is attached to an additional band, which is buttoned into place. Linen, with the frill of handkerchief lawn makes the waist illustrated, but there are a great many fashionable waisting materials this season. Shirt waists of thin materials made in tailored style are greatly liked, the familiar madras and fabrics of the sort are more beautiful than ever, and such a waist as this one is equally appropriate for silk and flannel.

The waist is made with fronts and back. The tucks are laid on indicated lines, and a neck-band finishes the neck. The collar is of the high turned-over sort, attached by means of buttonholes and studs. The sleeves are of regulation fulness, but are finished with bands and rolled over

cuffs that are held in place by means of links. The frill is of graduated width and can be pleated or gathered. The quantity of material required for the medium size is three and one-fourth yards twenty-one or twenty-four, two and three-fourth yards thirty-two or two yards forty-four inches wide, with three-eighth yard twenty-one or twenty-four, one-fourth yard thirty-two, one-eighth yard forty-four inches wide or one and three-eighth yards of ribbon four inches wide for frill.

Circular Knickerbockers.

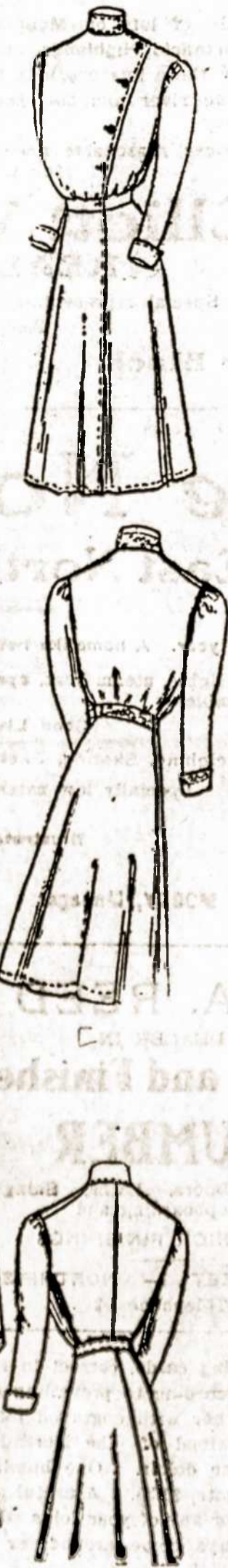
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The bloomers are circular, the leg portions being joined at front and back, and they are fitted by means of short hip darts. The front and back portions are joined to separate bands



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NOTES FROM WASHINGTON

(Special Correspondence.)

Proposal to Lease Coal Lands.—A new and somewhat sensational factor has appeared suddenly to add intensity to the already sufficiently excited situation over the Alaska coal lands, and on the eve of the beginning of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation, which largely concerns that question. John E. Ballaine of Seattle, said to be the largest individual property owner in Alaska, has made a proposition in writing to the senate committee on territories, of which Senator Beveridge of Indiana, is chairman, offering to the government a royalty of fifty cents a ton of coal mined, for the lease of 5,000 acres of some of the choicest coal lands in Alaska, in the Katalla and Matanuska districts. Such a tonnage royalty would net to the government, Mr. Ballaine claimed, as much as \$2,000,000 per hundred acres. This proposal contemplates a radical departure from past practices in the government's disposal of the Alaska coal lands and it came avowedly to battle with another proposition, embodied in a bill which has been prepared, but not introduced, designed to permit the sale or lease of such lands at a rate of \$10 per acre. It is said that the general feature of the plan have the approval of officials high in the administration and of influential members of both houses of congress, including some of the prominent insurgent Republicans and Delegate Wickersham of Alaska.

Warned Speaker Frankly.—Representative William McKinley of Illinois, chairman of the republican congressional committee, gave a dinner last week to the members of the newly elected committee, and although Vice President Sherman and Speaker Cannon are not members of the committee they were present as Mr. McKinley's guests. Representative D. J. Foster is the Vermont member of the committee, and when he was called upon by the chairman he said frankly that New England wanted a man other than Mr. Cannon as speaker of the next house, a declaration of insurgency that rather took away the breath of chairman McKinley and some of the other close friends of the speaker. It is said that Speaker Cannon replied to Mr. Foster in an angry and vehement speech, denouncing his enemies and critics. While Mr. Cannon did not say in exact words that he would again offer himself as a candidate for the speakership, his manner was so defiant that those who heard him construed Mr. Cannon's words to mean that he proposed again to be a candidate if the next house has a republican majority.

Almost Unprecedented.—A couple of years ago the secretary of war, now President Taft, called Brig. Gen. Clarence Edwards, chief of the bureau of



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insular affairs, into his office. "General, is it true that you are lending Philippine money at interest?" asked Mr. Taft. "Yes, sir; why not?" asked the general. Mr. Taft scratched his head, walked around the room several times, and said: "Well, I don't know why not, but if I knew you were going to do it I would have stopped you." The other day the house committee on appropriations heard about Gen. Edwards' money lending. Also it learned something almost unprecedented in the history of the government, to wit, that a government official had so conducted his office and accounts that he had made for the government nearly \$2,000,000.

Praised Payne Act.—Taking advantage of the general debate aroused on the agricultural appropriation bill, Representative Boutell of Illinois, entertained the members with a tariff speech eulogistic of the Payne Act. Mr. Boutell declared that in a few months the Payne tariff act will be the subject of discussion by the people throughout the country and that discussion will have a probable effect on the Presidential election. "The act must justify itself," he said, "or the Republican party will be held responsible."

Worst Farming in the East.—"The worst farming in this country is done east of the Allegheny Mountains, and agricultural land is cheapest in that locality in consequence," says Secretary Wilson. "The boys have left the farm, and the scarcity of labor is now the greatest concern of the agriculturist."

Graham On Committee.—Accepting the action of the Democratic caucus, the house has elected Representative Graham of Illinois, a member of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee, in place of Representative Lloyd of Missouri. The choice of Mr. Graham was ratified by the house without debate and by a viva voce vote.



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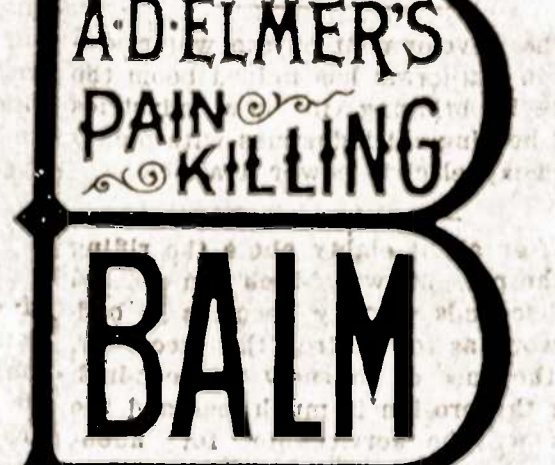
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ONCE THE KING LOVED ME.

I let me cry on my mother's breast,
Within the casement, clad in hazy gray,
And count the stars yonder, in the sun
Where the leaves' shadow falls; it winds away
Till the day goes, and all the hours are spent;
Once the king loved me—and I am content.

I mark the earth turrets, rising high
Beyond the forest, dark, and vast, and dim.
Mine eyes first seek it in the dull, gray dawn,
My evening prayer goes there; it holdeth him
Who was mine own one happy hour that went—
Once the king loved me, and I am content.

I mind me of the forest depth of green,
Of sunlight, falling in the wooded place,
As on yon dial. Was it heaven then?
Or saw I only heaven in his face?
I know not, all I know is joy is spent.
Once the king loved me, and I am content.

I mind me of the day the shadow fell,
And through the gilded halls a whisper ran
And courtiers who had fawned stood cold far,
And with a broken heart beneath my hand
Which held it fast, lest life itself be rent.
Once the king loved me, and I am content.

I stood before the queen, who, cold and dark,
Lifting pale eyes, said softly: "Thou dost go."
(Never before had she deigned speech with me.)
Meekly I bowed and answered, "Queen, I go."
With gathered robe and stately step I went.

A Temporary Substitute.

Felix Livingstone was not in a good temper. He had a fortnight's leave, which duty required him to spend with his maiden aunt in the country, while inclination strongly urged him to go up to town in order to see the girl he loved. But on this occasion duty had to be considered, for Miss Drury, the aunt in question, was a wealthy old lady, and he was practically dependent upon her.

All things considered, however, Fate had not been so very unkind to Felix. Left an orphan at an early age, he had been adopted by his mother's elder sister, who had done her duty nobly by him. Now at the age of twenty-five he found himself a subaltern in one of the line regiments, with a handsome allowance from his aunt, and every prospect of becoming her heir. But—there is always a "but" in most people's lives—although Miss Drury had been more than liberal to her nephew and forbore to exercise any but a very nominal restraint over his actions, yet she had given him to understand that she meant to exert her authority in one important matter, namely, the question of his marriage.

In due course of time she intended Felix to become master of Woodlands, her beautiful old house, and since his wife would occupy her place as mistress, Miss Drury meant to limit, if not direct, her nephew's choice of a bride.

She did not approve of the modern woman, the up-to-date girl, with her cigarette and her slang, her talk of golf and bridge, her contempt for needlework, and all things pertaining to domesticity. Felix could see in his mind's eye the wife his aunt destined for him—a meek and modest young woman of ultra-refined speech and appearance, and always with a piece of fancy work between her fingers—and he shuddered at the picture. Then he thought, with a sudden tightening of his heart, of Kitty Bellairs, as he had seen her last summer at the house of a brother officer—beautiful, mischievous, high-spirited, a keen tennis player, a brilliant horsewoman, full of life and laughter. She had charmed the young man's heart out of him, and though Felix tried desperately hard to banish her from his memory, absence, in this case, had certainly made the heart grow fonder.

"I daren't tell Aunt Minnie about Kitty," thought the young man, disconsolately. "Of course if she knew her as I do she couldn't help but love her, although she isn't quite her style, but I don't see how they are ever to meet, since my little darling knows no one in this neighborhood, and Aunt Min never will come up to town."

In the depth of his heart Felix was genuinely fond of the old lady, who had so generously mothered him all his life, and he was therefore rather disconcerted to find when he reached Woodlands that Miss Drury was very much perturbed and upset about something. Generally his aunt was a very dainty looking little old lady, exquisitely dressed, and the perfection of a hostess. But on this particular afternoon she greeted her nephew in an absent-minded fashion, her cap slightly awry, her cheeks flushed, and her beautiful hands trembling.

"Why, Aunt Minnie," said the young man, anxiously, "whatever is the matter?"

"Oh, my dear Felix," replied the old lady, looking into his handsome face with troubled blue eyes. "I have had such a dreadful upset. Two of the housemaids are down with influenza, and now Parkins, who is quite invaluable, has declared she can hold up no longer, and has gone to bed seriously ill, I fear."

Felix gave a whistle of dismay. Parkins was cook-housekeeper at Woodlands, and the pivot upon which the rest of the household turned. She was an exceptionally good cook, and he knew that his aunt prided herself

that her dinners were unsurpassed in the neighborhood.

"I would not have minded had we been alone," continued Miss Drury, "but the house is full of people, and I have a large dinner party to-morrow."

"What a catastrophe," exclaimed her nephew, sympathetically, who knew how vexed was Miss Drury's orderly mind when any household affairs went wrong. "Can't you get a woman from the village to help?"

"Of course I can, but you don't know what these village women are like, my dear Felix; dirty, incompetent creatures, and as incapable of sending up a dinner as you are. No, I must just leave Susan, the kitchen maid, to do her best; but I know I shall be disgraced to-morrow, and I do not mind so much, if my guests don't have the best of everything. And to make matters worse, that greedy old Sir Gregory is coming, and he always says he never dines so well anywhere as here. You don't know of a cook that you can recommend by any chance, do you, Felix?" she asked desperately.

This wistful appeal touched the young man's heart. As a rule, a subaltern home on leave is not the person one would naturally apply to for a cook, but Miss Drury was at her wits' end. Felix knitted his brows and thought hard for a minute, at the end of which a brilliant inspiration came to him.

"Look here, Aunt Minnie," he exclaimed suddenly, "don't you worry any more. I'll go straight up to town first thing to-morrow, and I'll find you a cook somehow, and bring her back with me in the afternoon."

Miss Drury looked at her nephew with tears in her eyes.

"Felix," she said solemnly, "if you get me out of this difficulty you may ask me for anything in the world."

Felix was as good as his word. He departed for town directly after breakfast next morning, smiling good-humoredly at the chaff of his fellow guests, and re-appeared triumphant in the afternoon proudly escorting the new cook.

"I've brought her, Aunt Min," he announced, rushing excitedly into Miss Drury's boudoir. "She was at the Rawson's last summer, and an uncommonly good cook she is. Blair is her name, it's a great piece of luck that she was disengaged, you know."

Miss Drury went hurriedly down stairs to inspect the new arrival and to explain to her the arrangements for the evening's dinner.

"I was a little taken aback at first," she said later on to her nephew. "Blair looks so young and so pretty, and so—er—refined, but she seems very capable and fully qualified to send up an excellent dinner."

"Yes," replied Felix, eagerly, "she has had a course of cooking lessons at South Kensington. I believe she is no end of a swell at it."

"Really, my dear boy," said Miss Drury, looking affectionately at her nephew. "I am most touched by the interest you have shown in this domestic difficulty and the trouble you have taken. If only Blair does not falsify our expectations I shall owe you a debt of gratitude."

The dinner proved an immense success, and even Miss Drury had to confess that Parkins could not have done better. As for Sir Gregory, he chuckled with delight and went steadily through the menu from beginning to end.

"Really, my dear Miss Drury," he said when at length he was obliged to desist, "that cook of yours has surpassed herself. I don't know when I have eaten a better dinner; that soufflé was simply a work of art."

Only one contretemps marred the harmony of the evening, and fortunately Miss Drury did not witness this little incident, as it occurred when the ladies had retired to the drawing room.

Felix was doing the honors of his aunt's table when the sound of a scuffle arrested his attention, and with a hasty excuse to his guests he left the room and rushed into the passage, where he found an ardent young footman trying vainly to embrace a very angry but bewitchingly pretty young woman in a white cap and apron.

"You impudent wretch!" she was saying, "how dare you try and kiss me? Mr. Livingstone, help!"

Felix turned on the man in a perfect fury and dragged him away.

"John," he said, looking as if he could have killed him with pleasure, "leave that lady alone at once and clear out. Here are your wages. Go!"

The man gazed at him, dumb with surprise.

"I beg your pardon, Mr. Felix," he stammered at length. "I meant no harm. I often used to kiss Miss Parkins. I didn't know as 'ow Miss Blair would mind."

The cook's angry face relaxed, and she burst into a peal of laughter, in which, after some hesitation, Felix joined.

"Never mind, John," she said. "I'll forgive you this once, only don't try it again. I dare say Mr. Felix will allow you to stay if you behave yourself."

Felix nodded impatiently, and the man fled to the lower regions, but it was some minutes before "Miss Blair" took her place at the servants' hall supper looking rather flushed, or before Felix joined the men in the dining room.

Parkins' illness lasted a week, and throughout that time Blair continued to charm the palates of the inmates of Woodlands. All the same, Miss Drury was rather relieved when the last day of the temporary cook's stay came, for try as she would to disbelieve the evidence of her senses, there was no disguising the fact that Felix was always hanging about the kitchen on some pretext or another. That her nephew could so far forget what was due both to himself and to her, as to even carry on a mild flirtation with a servant, Miss Drury would not allow for a moment. Her horror can therefore be better imagined than described when, on descending to the kitchen the last afternoon for the purpose of paying Blair her wages, she saw on opening the door a pretty, white-capped head reposing on her nephew's shoulder, while his arm was tenderly clasping an aproned waist.

"Kitty, darling," she heard him say tenderly, "I couldn't let you go away without telling you I loved you. I know I ought not to have done so, for goodness only knows when I shall be able to marry you."

"Do you think Miss Drury will be very angry?" asked the girl.

Miss Drury coughed, and at the ominous sound the guilty couple started apart and looked with dismay at the intruder.

The old lady's face had turned very white, and Felix, cut to the quick by her piteous expression, crossed the room hastily and took her hand.

"Don't look so shocked, Aunt Minnie," he said; "this is not a cook really; it is the lady I love—Miss Kitty Bellairs. I met her at the Rawson's last summer and fell in love

with her; and I knew she could cook beautifully, so when you were in such a fix I asked her to come and help. We—we thought, perhaps, you might take a fancy to her and ask her to stop."

"Are you Archie Bellairs' daughter?" asked Miss Drury, in astonishment.

"Yes," said the girl, gently, "he is dead, you know, and I am an orphan and very poor—but I love Felix."

The old lady's eyes grew very wistful and tender as she remembered the far-off days of her youth when poverty had stood between her and the one whom she loved—Archie Bellairs.

She took the girl's hand and smilingly put it into that of her nephew.

"So do I, my dear," she said, "and I am sure you will make him an excellent wife. I shall be exceedingly glad to offer the temporary substitute a permanent place in my household."

—New York News.



Vulcan, an alleged planet, was discovered in 1858, only to be effectively obliterated from the planetary system fifty years later.

In addressing the division of physical and inorganic chemists of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dr. W. L. Dudley, head of the department of chemistry of the Vanderbilt University, declared that neon, a newly discovered gas, is the cause of the aurora borealis.

Aerial navigation as a commercial enterprise is bringing with it the solution of various problems by the German engineers. One is perfecting for the new company a system of a complete network of signal lights for guidance on the night trips. For fogs there will be added signals by bell and siren.

A close study of the water supply for the operation of the locks under present plans shows that the available amount of water on the isthmus is not sufficient to maintain, at all times, in the canal, the forty feet of depth stipulated for by the law. In dry years the modern Dreadnought of the navy, the large carriers of freight and the army transports will not be able to use the canal.

The Archaeological Society has made five excavations around the walls of the amphitheatre in King Arthur's round table field in Mommouthshire, England, and the searchers found the main entrance, the sand which formed the bed of the arena, and a corner stone. From inscriptions on this stone they trace the date of the theatre back to 110 A. D., or 1800 years.—Popular Mechanics.

Samples of air at a height of nearly nine miles have been recently obtained and examined for the presence of rare gases. The collecting apparatus, carried by a large balloon, is a series of vacuum tubes, each drawn out to a fine point at one end. At the desired height, an electro-magnetic device, connected with each tube and operated by a barometer, breaks off the point of the tube, admitting the air. A few minutes later, a second contact sends a current through a platinum wire around the broken end, melting the glass and sealing the tube. All the samples obtained show argon and neon, but no helium was found in air from above six miles.

The Mathematical Mind.

The late Lewis Carroll, author of "Alice in Wonderland," used to tell this story to illustrate the average mathematician's contempt for poetry: "In the course of an argument about poetry with an instructor in trigonometry he gave the instructor Tennyson's 'Charge of the Light Brigade' to read.

"There, read that," he said, "and if you don't find it full of beauty, I'll give in."

"The instructor sneered, looked at the page, and began to read:

"Half a league, half a league, half a league—"

"Then he threw down the book.

"If the fool means a league and a half," he snorted, "why can't he say so?"—Buffalo Commercial.

Burglars Are Unknown.

Consul Edward J. Norton, of Malaga, cannot encourage American safe makers to attempt the building up of a trade in that district of Southern Spain. He writes as follows: Not over half a dozen American-made safes could be found in this entire consular district, and the outlook for the development of the safe trade is not an encouraging one. The demand for safes generally is extremely light. Many business men possess nothing in the way of a safe for the protection of valuables or books. The annual fire loss is insignificant, and burglars or safe blowers are unknown, so there is no actual necessity for the purchase of a fire-proof, burglar-proof safe.

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The harder the day before me, the more earnest my prayer should be.

JANUARY 2.

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?—1 John 5:5.

Unbroken faith means uninterrupted victory.

JANUARY 3.

Lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me, a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.—2 Corinthians 12:7.

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JANUARY 4.

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.—1 John 3:16.

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Deadlock Still Holds.

Jackson, Miss.—After a perfunctory session the legislative caucus, which is endeavoring to select a successor to the late Senator McLaurin, adjourned with the deadlock holding as tight as ever. The standing of the several candidates remains practically unchanged.

Ex-Gov. Vardaman, in a statement replying to an open letter published by Mr. Perry, reiterates that railroad attorneys and representatives of the "trust" are seeking his defeat.

Johnny's Last Speech.

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EAST NORTHFIELD

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Mr. and Mrs. John Rawles were in town over last Sunday.

R. H. Waite has taken the agency for the Ideal Vacuum Cleaner.

Mrs. Brothwell has left for a couple of months' visit in Connecticut.

The Western Union Telegraph office is now located in the Bookstore.

Mrs. Gillett left last Tuesday for New York and the Mediterranean trip.

A reception was given to the new seminary girls at Marquand last Monday night.

The Keene Chorus club in gymnasium tonight. The best musical event in Northfield's history.

Frank Pitt and Allen Schanffer of Williams college spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Pitt.

Paul D. Moody will be in town for a short while tomorrow on business. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Moody.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Woodward have returned from their long visit in Pennsylvania. Mr. Woodward has entirely recovered his health.

Miss Clara Moody has returned home from her visit to New York and Brooklyn. Miss Hortense Zimmerman returned to her home in Brooklyn this week.

East Northfield primary and grammar schools had a sleigh ride to Mt. Hermon on Tuesday afternoon. Cocoa was served to the young people in West hall, and they looked over the new gymnasium.

A stereopticon lecture is being arranged for Sunday evening, February 13, at the Congregational church on the topic "How We Got Our Bible." About 50 slides will be exhibited, tracing the English Bible from its translation in King James I time back to the earliest known manuscript copies of the originals.

NORTHFIELD FARMS.

Mrs. Julia Merriman lost one of her horses recently.

S. F. Alexander made a flying trip to Northfield Farms last week.

Mr. Hart saw a herd of 17 deer pass through his lot one day recently.

Mrs. Bunker and Mr. Wood, who have been ill, are reported better.

Mrs. Maud Montague is substituting in the Grammar school at the Center.

Emma Hilliard returned to Brattleboro to the Nourse Home, after being home for a few days rest.

Frank Harness and wife have moved from Boston to Bath, Me., where he has a position in a large jewelry store.

The farce, "What ailed the Cat?" was given in Union hall, by the children, on Wednesday night. It was well attended. Proceeds for piano fund.

Master Ernest Parker was given a surprise party by a few of his schoolmates, on his six birthday. Candy and popcorn were served. Ernest was much pleased with his presents.

Helen Parker celebrated her 10th birthday on Jan. 29, by inviting in 14 of her schoolmates. Games were played and they had a merry time. Cake, ice cream and cookies were served. Several tokens of remembrance were given to Helen.

The Mt. Hermon boys will give an entertainment at Union hall for the benefit of the piano fund, on Feb. 14, to which all are cordially invited. The ladies will furnish a baked bean and salad supper for 15 cents. Admission to hall, 10 cents.

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Vacation for Horses.

Uncle Sam will hereafter allow thirty days' vacation a year to the Post Office Department horses in Washington. The animals are to be sent, a few at a time to a fine, rich pasture in Maryland.

"Every employee of the Government," says the chief clerk in the Post Office Department, "receives thirty days' sick leave if necessary. I see no reason why the horses we use in the business of the department ought not to receive a rest or a vacation, and hereafter I am going to send each of the horses away for a thirty-day period of rest. We can spare many of them in the summer, and this is the time they will appreciate a rest from the hot asphalt and welcome the green grass of the country and the shade of the trees."—Bit and Spur.

SONG.

If you had thought a heart
Was worth the keeping,
When passion could impart
More than the heart's quick leaping!

If you had taken pains
To guard love's treasure,
When love forewent refrains
Of dalliance and leisure!

Had you but done these things,
Love would have grown new wings
For happy, wider flight
And deeper-felt delight!

—William Struthers, in *Alma's*.

His First Case.

A reminiscent look came into Garret's eyes as he read the letter bearing the postmark of an up-state town. It carried him back to his early life of toil on a farm where he had earned the money for college.

From college, by a stroke of fortune, in attracting the favorable notice of Judge Larned he had been taken into a law office where he had assisted in the preparation of many a case, but his first case, one in which he would have entire and undivided sway, was yet to be, and to the gaining and winning of this case he had a great incentive.

The incentive now darkened the doorway, and a charming laugh rippled in, calling him back from the land of meadows.

"Denise," he cried, starting to his feet, his eyes luminous.

"I am glad to have caught you dreaming, for once, Garret. You are so strenuously industrious and practical."

"My life hasn't been of the stuff that dreams are made of," he replied.

"Were you dreaming," she asked with a fleeting glance, "of your first case?"

"No," he replied, reluctantly forced to the truth. "The letter I just received carried me back to my early life—on a farm."

"You have never told me about those days," she said, reproachfully.

"There is little to tell. Such homely details—I was a ragged, hapless little chap, and I worked hard and grew up to be a gawky lad with a longing for the law. I saved enough to eke my way through college. Then your father took me in here. I met you, and now, O, Denise!"

"What is it, Garret? It isn't. O, dear, I see; it is—your first case!"

"Yes."

There was only time for a rapturous glance before her father, the judge, entered.

Garret read him the letter, which was from the son of a man who owned the farm on which Garret was raised, and who had advanced him the money to go to college. There were some complications in the will by which the young farmer had inherited his land, and a lawsuit was impending. He had written to Garret to employ his services.

Garret explained, at length, the details of the case, Denise listening with concentrated attention.

"Papa," she asked earnestly, "do you think Garret can win this case?"

"Frankly, I do not."

"Then, Garret," she said imploringly, "don't take it."

The young attorney looked at her with troubled eyes.

"Some way, it seems like a call to me, and fitting that my first effort in a legal way should be for the good of my friend and the son of my benefactor. He was my chum."

There was an assumption of vexation in her fair brow and pouting lips that enlightened the judge. He knew that Garret was "conditioned" and he concluded that the condition was the winning of his first case.

"He can win it, if it is to be won," predicted the judge. "He cannot refuse of course."

The next day Garret went to the scenes of his early struggles in life to look over the ground. Two days later, he returned, going directly to the home of the judge where he found Denise alone. Her attitude was still reproachful—almost resentful.

"Well, Garret," she asked, "did you find any encouraging evidence?"

"I fear not. I ran up for the day to let your father's focusing eye magnify a little speck that I see. The farm belongs to my friend morally and I must see that it does legally."

"Why, of course," she said a little coldly, "if so much hinges on your winning your first case, you would naturally want to win."

"Denise," he replied, earnestly, "as deeply as I love you our marriage is not the only incentive. My friend has a wife and babies. The loss of all his property would wreck a happy little household."

Her eyes were turned persistently from him.

"I must go to the office now," he said after a slight pause. "I go back tonight."

Her farewell was in a frigid tone, and he went away, depressed by her lack of sympathy and understanding. It took the entire day for the judge to go over the tangled evidence with him, and he barely made his train.

"I will come out when the case comes to court if you wish, Garret," volunteered the judge. "I may see a point here and there to suggest."

"Oh, judge, it is more than I dared ask," exclaimed Garret gratefully. "It is awfully kind—"

"Well," said the judge, "it seems to be a matter of importance to my family that you win."

Then noting the wince in the young man's eyes, he added kindly, "You mustn't put too much importance on a young woman's pique. Her heart is all right."

Two weeks later, the judge informed Denise of his intention.

"I shall go with you, papa," she announced.

"That's a good idea, Denise. Your presence will sustain Garret even more than will mine."

But when they reached the little country town the night before the trial, she decided to keep her presence a secret from Garret.

The court room was already crowded when she entered, and she sought standing room at the rear of the room. Her eyes, eagerly searching for a glimpse of Garret, encountered his talking to his client.

Suddenly the little mist of resentment cleared, and her heart went out to him anew. The deputy sheriff who had met her at the hotel came up and escorted her to a seat in the second row from the circle where were the lawyers, the client and his friends.

Denise looked interestedly at her rival, the client. He was a lank, honest-eyed fellow. The look in his homely face when he turned to his wife quite transformed his expression and found instant response in Denise's warm little heart. She asked the sheriff to tell Garret to come to her.

At the tap on his shoulder Garret turned and saw her.

"Garret," she whispered, her heart aglow at the lovelight in his eyes as he slipped into the seat beside her. "I hope you will win this case."

"And if I don't, Denise?"

"Why, then, dear, we won't count this as your first. And, Garret, I want you to win—for his—for your friend's sake."

He pressed her hand and then went on the case with the best reinforcement a man can have.

"How did you happen to come, Denise?" he asked as they were leaving the courtroom.

"Papa thought you would lose, and I thought if you did you would need my consolation. And you won against such odds, he says. I am so glad that—"

"That—What, sweetheart?"

"That I said 'yes' before you you."

New Haven Register.

OUR FOREIGN STUDENTS.

Almost 1500 Enrolled Now—Their Number Rapidly Growing.

The number of foreign students at American institutions of higher learning is increasing rapidly from year to year, and the day is not far distant when there will be more German students in America than American students in Germany. Thirty-four American institutions attracted 1467 foreigners during the academic year 1908-09, this figure being exclusive of summer session attendance.

Columbia attracted forty-two foreigners to its current summer session, says the American College, and no doubt several other universities could make as good a showing for the summer term. The largest delegations to the thirty-four institutions under consideration were sent by Canada, 242; China, 193; Japan, 158; Mexico, 81; Great Britain and Ireland, 71; Cuba, 70; India, 60; Germany, 56, (there were 298 Americans enrolled at the various German universities in the 1909 summer semester); Argentine Republic, 52; Turkey, 51, and Russia, 50.

Of the 1467 foreigners at the institutions under consideration 460 hail from North America, 468 from Asia, 313 from Europe, only 154 from South America, 64 from Australia and 18 from Africa. Speaking broadly the largest foreign patronage is enjoyed by the graduate schools and the engineering schools of the country, 59 per cent of the total number of foreigners at Columbia for instance, being enrolled in these faculties. Owing to the large representation of foreign students in its dental school Pennsylvania with 225 foreigners continues to head the list. Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Smith, Vassar and Wellesley have only thirty-one foreign students.

Schools in Porto Rico.

When the United States formally occupied Porto Rico, which consists of ten islands, only about 15 percent of the people could read and write. Now the percentage has increased to between 25 and 30 percent, and some claim even a greater percentage.

At the time of the occupation of Porto Rico there was but one public school. Now there are 1,700 public schools, over all of which floats the American flag. Of the teachers about 1,200 are natives and the rest are Americans.—Educational Review.

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